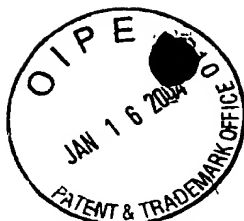


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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

The Applicant hereby petitions for a one (1) Month extension of term attached hereto, thereby extending the term for response to and including **January 18, 2004**.

[XXX] A CHECK FOR THE FEES INDICATED BELOW, BASED UPON THE APPLICANT'S SMALL ENTITY STATUS, ACCOMPANIES THIS RESPONSE.	
PETITION FOR 1-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME	\$55
TOTAL	\$55

In response to the official action mailed September 18, 2003, please enter the following before reconsideration of this application.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-20, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein, in favor of new claims 21-40 as follows.